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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Lunch special — Betty Hamilton, who works in the kitchen at Wilson School, talks with kindergarten Crystal Imhoff while taking money for the school lunches in the cafeteria. Hamilton wore the large sunglasses as part of the day's 'beach party' theme. The staff comes up with theme meals featuring special menus and toy giveaways to encourage the students to eat the balanced meals provided by the cafeteria. At left, kitchen worker Jackie Seago, left, sets down a tray with pizza and corn on the cob as Kim O'Brenski prepares to dish up some milk and fresh fruit to round out the lunch. More photos on Page 5A.

'Debbie never met a stranger'

Friends, officials mourn Saltich

The sudden death Tuesday of Madison County Clerk Debbie Saltich left friends and political leaders in shock with a sense of disbelief.

That state carried over Wednesday morning as officials gathered in the county administration building prior to the regularly scheduled county board meeting. The flags in front of the building flew at half mast as words of praise for Saltich were exchanged.

Saltich, 42, a veteran Democrat, was found dead at her Granite City home about 6 p.m. Tuesday by longtime companion Fred Painter.

"She collapsed in the bathroom, and at this point, we don't want to speculate on the cause of death. There was absolutely no indication of foul play," Madison County Cor-



Debbie Saltich
Died Tuesday at her home in Granite City. Saltich was a Madison County clerk and a firefighter. She was 42 years old.

she was pronounced dead at her home about 7 p.m. An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday, authorities said.

Saltich was at work Tuesday at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville but apparently left early. She suffered from some allergies and may have had diabetes but wasn't taking insulin, authorities said.

Burke said she talked with Saltich around noon Tuesday about attending a political dinner. She had just celebrated her 42nd birthday on April 3, Burke said.

"We were friends through the years. I don't know that she had been sick," Burke said.

"I was shocked when I heard of Debbie's death," U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said.

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Pay raises all around

Board approves hikes for county officials

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

After lengthy debate and several proposed amendments Wednesday, the Madison County Board approved raises for countywide officials to be elected in 1998.

The board then approved raises for board members elected in 1998 and the next county board chairman.

The raises for the sheriff, treasurer and county clerk will take effect on Dec. 1, 1998. The 3 1/2 percent increase in each of the following four years will bring the salaries in line

with countywide officials elected last November, board members said.

"This will provide parity among elected officials and no new taxes will be needed to achieve this equity that these people deserve," said Bill Little, D-Alton, chairman of the county board's Finance Committee.

The raises will bring the salaries of the sheriff, treasurer and clerk to \$65,690 in 1998, \$69,960 in 2000, \$72,409 in 2001 and \$74,943 in 2002.

The 2001 and 2002 salaries are slightly less than the 4 1/2 percent raises initially proposed.

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Court space to be studied

Resolution calls for consultant to evaluate court's needs

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

While judges may be clamoring for space at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville, most county board members are far from convinced that a new courts building is needed.

The county board approved a resolution Wednesday to hire an architect or consultant to evaluate court space needs.

Local judges have taken a formal position that the courthouse is too small. Chief Judge Nicholas Byron recently called for a new building complete with a "ceremonial" courtroom for 200 people.

While some courtrooms are often empty, Byron has said the court system needs enough space to accommodate periods of peak usage. It is common for lawsuits to

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be settled just before a trial is scheduled to begin — after courtroom assignments have been made.

But board member Herbert "Junior" Milton of Granite City, chairman of the Buildings Committee, said his main concern is for the safety of those attending civil trials who may be endangered by

nearby criminals awaiting their own day in court.

"We're trying to see if we can separate the criminals — murderers, robbers and sex maniacs — from the civil courts," Milton said, emphasizing that there has never been any suggestion that the existing courthouse be closed, as has been reported in some newspapers.

"That is an old courthouse. It is a beautiful building and well preserved," Milton told the county board Wednesday. "We have no intention to close it."

County Administrator Jim Monday said the consultant's first job will be to determine if more space is needed. If that is found to be the case, Monday said, the use of existing space will be considered before any consideration is given to constructing another building.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Madison Mayor John Bellico, who is ending a 50-year career in public service later this month, poses as the sun sets over the Chain of Rocks canal levee.

Sun setting on Bellico's career

34 years with port district ends

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison Mayor John Bellico on Monday completed a 34-year association with the Tri-City Port.

Bellico, who was appointed to the port district's board of commissioners in 1963, was feted Monday with praise, a plaque and parting gifts bestowed by current and former members of the port authority. Bellico's wife, two daughters and grandson were on hand, as well as former port commissioners U.S. District Judge William Beatty and Carl Ranft, who both served on the board with Bellico in 1963.

"John is a rare individual to devote so much of his life to public service," said Dr. Charles King Jr., chairman of the port board. "Our community is truly richer because of his participation in the port district and municipal government."

Port commissioners are appointed by the governor and by

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK-TV Channel 5

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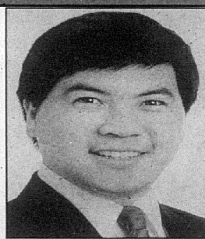
Faces

Dr. Kendall Itoku, urologic surgeon and partner in St. Louis Urological Surgeons Inc., has joined Dr. Enrique P. Perinetti in his office in the St. Elizabeth Medical Arts building, 2120 Madison Ave. in Granite City.

The association is the result of the recent merger of Dr. Perinetti's practice with St. Louis Urological Surgeons.

Dr. Itoku received his medical degree at the University of Missouri at Columbia and completed his urology fellowship at Brown University.

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Papa calls for referendum on MetroLink

Half-cent sales tax could finance county extension

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Briefly

Part of road to close Friday

Pontoon Road will be closed for concrete paving between Maryville Road and Wabash Avenue on Friday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Access to local businesses may be gained via side streets and adjacent alleys, officials said.

Blood drive today

In the Missouri/Illinois region, one out of every 10 hospital patients receives blood.

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Donating is safe and simple and takes about an hour. To be a donor, you must weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 years old or older (16 with a signed Red Cross permission form) and be in good health. For more information about blood drives, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Protestant Welfare benefit set

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Trucks to be limited on bridge

Venice aldermen act to force trucks to use inner lanes only

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Venice Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday to have an ordinance created that would allow signs to be posted on McKinley Bridge to prevent semi-trucks from traveling on the bridge's outer lanes.

"Trucks should be encouraged to use center lanes to avoid liability to the bridge," Mayor Tyrone Echols told the board before aldermen voted to have the ordinance created. "The outer portion of the bridge may be over stressed by that traffic," Echols said.

Venice, which has owned the four-lane bridge since 1958, would have to pay more than \$30 million to bring it up to par, McKinley Bridge consultant Tom Fields said in January.

The community is economically depressed and does not have the funding to do that.

However, over a span of 20 months in

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1996, the city has been able to pay \$8 million for repairs to the bridge, Fields said.

The mile-long McKinley Bridge particularly needs repairs on its west entrance from St. Louis. Black top on that part of the bridge is wearing off. In addition, there are severe pot holes, and steel braces show through the bridge's surface.

Officials of Gateway International Motorsports Corp., the company that is expanding Gateway International Raceway in Madison, has approached the Venice Board of Aldermen about financing

improvements to the bridge's west entrance, but plans for that are in the early stages and nothing final has been set, Echols said.

Gateway, its officials said, is interested in upgrading that part of the bridge because of expected traffic will travel across it to the racetrack when it opens May 1.

According to a recent traffic report, 300,000 vehicles travel daily across the bridge. That number is expected to increase when the raceway is completed, officials said.

At the Tuesday meeting, Echols said the Illinois Department of Transportation had notified Venice that a \$3 million grant was available for the bridge's west end. But to use the grant, the city would have to refinance bonds already being used for the bridge.

If the grant was used, Echols said, "construction could begin in 2000 for the west end of the bridge. The money has been approved."

•Raises

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But the raises were not approved without opposition. Board member Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, proposed an amendment to freeze the salaries at \$60,000 for the officials' terms. "These salaries are getting out of line," Bosich said. His amendment failed.

Dennis Dubbelde, D-East Alton, proposed that only the sheriff receive a raise in the final two years of the term.

"He has much more responsibility than any other official," Dubbelde said. "This deal of paying everyone the same is wrong."

Bosich noted that the sheriff supervises 144 employees, has 81 automobiles and must control an average of 220 prisoners each day. "His job never ends... He's always on call and deserves a much bigger raise than the others," Bosich said.

But most members agreed with Frank Laub, D-Granite City, and Don Rea, D-Pontoon Beach, who said that officials should be paid equally and receive raises equivalent to those negotiated with union county workers.

"I think it's a fair increase," Rea said.

"Who has more responsibility: a general or a diplomat?" Don Garrett, D-Madison asked. "Generals win wars, but a good diplomat prevents wars."

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Sheriff refusing to open part of jail

County committee wants an explanation

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich is refusing to open a new wing of the jail because of construction and security system problems. Prisoners, who are often crowded out of cells, are being forced instead to sleep on the floor.

And now the Madison County Board's Building Committee wants an explanation from Churchich in person. He has been requested to attend the committee's April 28 meeting.

"I don't know what the problem is, if there is any, but I want to find out," said committee Chairman Herbert "Junior" Milton, D-Granite City.

"If we've got a problem, we're going to take care of it and get the jail open, because the taxpayers paid for it."

Churchich has said an electronic security system used to monitor cell doors has been malfunctioning.

He wants the new wing to be completely free of problems for seven days straight before moving in prisoners.

But Milton told the Granite City Rotary Club Tuesday that he thinks it's time for the sheriff to use the new addition.

"He says it doesn't work. How can he know it doesn't work if he hasn't tried it?" Milton asked.

"The sheriff is a nice man and he does good work for us. But we have to try (the addition) and see if it works."

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Until Churchich accepts the work on the new wing, the county is withholding full payment to the contractors, K&S Associates, and the architect.

"I'd love to open the new wing, but it's like buying a car without a battery," Churchich said Monday.

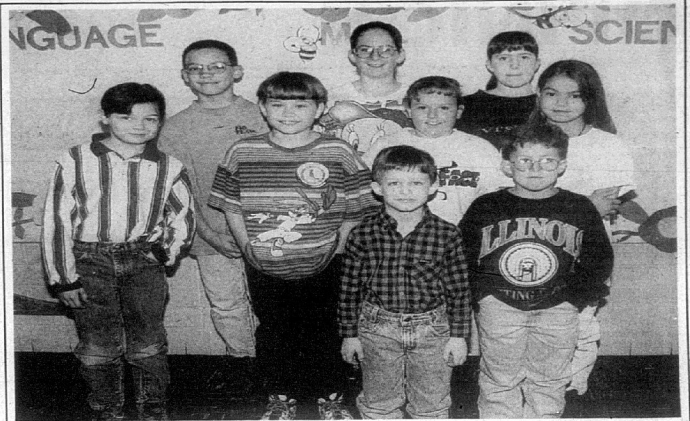
Churchich said he will attend the meeting April 28, but hopes the Building Committee members will also visit the jail.

Committee members Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, and Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra, have seen the new wing.

But Milton and members William "Skip" Krummich, D-Edwardsville, and Don Sonnenberg, D-Maryville, have not.

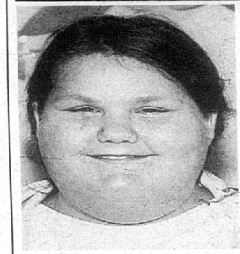
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Winners — The winners in the Young Authors writing contest from Wilson School are, from left, fourth grader Brian Schuman, fifth graders Joey Becherer and Kyle Thebeau, sixth grader Katie Robbins (in back), first grader Thomas Mayer (in front), sixth graders Crystal Wyatt and Sarah Smothers (in back), second grader Justin Beyer (in front) and sixth grader Courtney Compton. Wilson School sixth grader Emily Love, at left, won the school's Reflections photography contest.



Mount Nebo pastor to be installed Sunday

The Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, located at 800 Jefferson Street, Madison, will install its 20th pastor, the Rev. Ranodore M. Foggs, in a pastoral installation service on Sunday, April 20, at 3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Kenneth Kelly of Greater Faith Baptist Church in Chicago Heights will bring the message in the morning service. The Rev. John Rouse of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist in East St. Louis will deliver

the message in the pastoral installation service. Other ministers included in the installation service are the Rev. Frederick Wilson Sr., the Rev. Dr. Walter Robinson, the Rev. Jerome Jackson I, the Rev. A. G. Williams, the Rev. Kenneth Kelly and the Rev. Herman Tolar.

The Rev. Ranodore Foggs is a resident of Fairview Heights and employed by the State of Illinois. He is married to the

former Eva Granger and they have one child, Shallow. He is a former associate minister of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and the former pastor of Mt. Zion Mission East.

Being led by God, the Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church called the Rev. Ranodore Foggs to pastor in February. The public is invited to attend.

•Saltich

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said Tuesday night. "Debbie was a close personal friend of mine and my family."

Saltich was the district manager of Costello's Granite City congressional office six years before she became county clerk.

"Debbie was personable and compassionate, and always went out of her way to help people who came to my office," Costello said.

Saltich had a reputation for

her friendliness and dedication as the county clerk, Costello said.

"Debbie never met a stranger," he said. "She loved life and was devoted to others. We'll miss her."

"She was a very good human being, a fine lady and an excellent clerk," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said Tuesday night.

"We're all devastated — myself personally and my office. She had an excellent administration there and handled the elections very well,

and was just a good person."

"She was always on top of the issues," added Haine, who said he last had spoken to Saltich last Friday. He noted her "very important" job, not only as the county clerk but as its chief election officer.

"It's a great loss to her friends, but also a loss to the people of the county," he said.

"We looked forward to many years of her service as clerk, now cut short by her tragic death."

"It was a shocker," Haine delivered a prayer for

Saltich, her family and friends Wednesday morning at the opening of the county board meeting.

"May the angels welcome her into paradise this very morning," Haine said.

Madison County Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci, who asked Saltich to manage his 1992 campaign for that office, said she was like a sister to him.

"We worked together for Congressman Jerry Costello, and we were extremely close. This is like losing a member of my own family," Melucci said.

"She was hard-working and always did the things that helped people. She didn't look for any glory. She was just a great person," he said.

Saltich first was named clerk in May 1994, after longtime clerk Evelyn Bowles replaced state Sen. Sam Vadalabene in Springfield. Saltich was elected to her first four-year term as county clerk in November 1994.

Deputy Clerk Colleen Spudich said the death was a shock to everyone who knew Saltich.

"I don't think it has sunk in yet. I can't think straight or function. I don't know what happened," Spudich said.

Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa called Saltich's death "tragic."

"I'm just in total shock," he said.

Papa praised Saltich as a smart woman who learned the county clerk's job quickly and was very active in Democratic politics for a number of years.

"It is a great loss to the citizens of Madison County," Papa said. "I was amazed at what she did in the short time she was here. She'll truly be missed."

Saltich went home early Tuesday, but Papa said he didn't think there was anything seriously wrong.

Mac Warfield, also a Granite City resident and chairman of the Madison County Democratic Central Committee, said he didn't believe it when he heard Saltich had died.

"She was so young. But she ran a good office while she was here," Warfield said.

Edwardsville City Clerk Nina Baird, who worked closely with Saltich on government business, said the two just finished working together on the last election.

"I can't believe it," Baird said.

Visitation will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m. at Werner Chapel in Pontoon Beach. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

(From The Telegraph. Staff Writer Bob Slate provided some information for this story.)

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COMMENTS FROM CAROL

Tobacco company's admission no surprise

When Liggett and Meyer's fessed up recently to the fact that they'd known for years that smoking was addictive, it may have shocked the pants off their confederates in the tobacco industry but the shock was only that one of their fellow companies had bolted what most of us know to be conspiracy of silence and denial.

It certainly came as no surprise to us long-time smokers. If we're honest, we know we've got a monkey on our back and we know its name.

Neither should it be a surprise to learn that fast-following, a bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate, which if passed by both houses, will add 43-cents in federal taxes to a pack of cigarettes.

The only startling news here is that an unlikely pair, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D), have crawled between the sheets together as co-sponsors.

Their purpose is a worthy one. Providing health insurance for some 10 million currently uninsured American children. Hard for any of us to quarrel with that.

Some say that such a price increase would be a giant step toward discouraging smoking among teenagers. Personally, I'd question that rosy expectation.

In addition to the much-cited peer pressure, it seems to me that most of the adolescents I see puffing away may look like they came off a breadline, but they drive decent cars and never appear lacking legal tender.

Both Hatch and Kennedy sound noble, too.

When it comes to health care for the American people, both of us have put policies



Carol Clarkin

aside," said Hatch.

"For too many of these children in this country, the emergency room is their family physician. That's wrong," from Kennedy.

See? Noble. So much so, that I'd venture a guess that the bill will pass the Senate and, eventually the House. And, if Clinton knows what's good for him, he won't veto it.

That's in spite of a couple of voices crying in the wilderness (Republican Sen. Trent Lott and Republican U.S. Rep. David McIntosh, to date) in opposition.

First, Hatch's own description of the proposal, that it would allow individual states to set their own rules for which children would be eligible for coverage. Fifty possibly widely differing sets of criteria for eligibility. That leads me to suspect that by no means would all 10 million of those uninsured kids profit at all from the increased tax.

Second, all those tax dollars generated by the increase wouldn't be earmarked for the benefit of children's health care. Only two-thirds of the money; the remaining third would be used to help reduce the national deficit.

As a smoker who has no plans to quit, I don't object to using cigarette tax money for the benefit of the uninsured children. I won't like paying more money to smoke, but I'll undoubtedly do so.

I do, however, object to any

In addition to the much-cited peer pressure, it seems to me that most of the adolescents I see puffing away may look like they came off a breadline, but they drive decent cars and never appear lacking legal tender.

of that money going toward deficit reduction and my objection isn't based on discrimination against smokers.

Rather than depriving the kids of that one-third, perhaps a closer look might be taken at such items as the 60 million reportedly lost by the recently aborted space flight because of inspection failure, an example of NASA being penny wise but pound foolish, according to a news special last week on waste.

Or fine combing the Pentagon's wish list which, the same program pointed out, includes some \$370 billion for 4,000 fighter planes (to say nothing of a mere \$160 million for aircraft described as "Cold War relics") with no provable need. Let some of those bucks go toward deficit reduction and don't short change the kids.

As one former (and now deceased) senator once said, "A hundred million here, a few hundred billion there, and pretty soon, we're talking big money."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good homes lacking for pets

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the letter condemning the Madison County Humane Society for the spaying and neutering of puppies and kittens (which is also being done by other humane shelters).

It would be great if everyone adopting pets would assume this responsibility, but the sad fact is it's just not happening. Hundreds of puppies and kittens must die annually because there are just not enough good homes for all of them.

Go to any humane shelter. Ask them how many times they have heard people say, "We were going to have her spayed but she got out of the door" or "We just put her out in the back yard for a minute and a dog (unneutered) jumped the fence."

In many cases people will try to find homes for these unwanted litters. In most cases there are puppies and kittens left that must go to a shelter. If they are kept too long and get past that "cute" stage the chance of being adopted greatly diminishes unless they are a small breed or pure breed dog.

The lady writing the letter should speak with the cruelty investigator from county animal control or a humane organization in our area. She would learn of the truly inhumane acts suffered by defenseless animals. If she has had a baby herself, she should know that it is not a picnic for a female animal to have anywhere from one to a dozen or more babies every six months.

Madison County Humane Society is a young organization working with little money and even less help.

If a person truly wants to change things, join the organization. Give your opinions and your time to help raise funds. Maybe someday the humane society will have the resources to provide a low cost clinic or even free spaying and neutering and then things will improve for the animals. I don't agree with everything the humane society does, but

keep in mind that before we had the Madison County Humane Society, the abandoned or unwanted pets turned into Madison County Animal Control had little if any chance of being adopted. The Humane Society placed hundreds of animals in good homes last year, so they must be doing something right.

JONNA TOPAL
Granite City

Rail crossing finally ready

TO THE EDITOR:

Finally, after two years plus there is a now a permanent railroad crossing on East Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell.

I'm sure the two days of detours and inconvenience was well worth it. It's been a long time coming.

Thanks to construction supervisor, Alton & Southern Railroad, engineers at I.D.O.T., Township Supervisor Pat Polley, and Rep. Steve Davis for letters and phone calls.

Also, special thanks to Diane in Rep. Steve Davis' office for the many calls and letters to her.

Difficult as it can be done immediately, impossible takes a little longer.

WALLY SCRUM
Mitchell

CUB cites city endorsement

TO THE EDITOR:

The Citizens Utility Board would like to commend the City of Belleville for endorsing the principles of the Campaign for Competitive Electric Rates.

Principles that, if adopted by the state legislature, will reduce electric bills for consumers across Illinois. Lawmakers in Springfield are currently debating ways to introduce competition into the electric industry and a decision on this crucial issue is expected this spring. At the crux of the issue is who will benefit from competition and who will shoulder the risks.

The big utility companies, like Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Power, want to maintain their monopoly over residential customers for another 13 years, forcing consumers to continue paying the highest rates in the Midwest.

And under the utilities' plan, rates could go up even higher, to subsidize price breaks for big businesses and to guarantee high profits for the utility companies.

CUB has a better way. We have proposed legislation that would reshape Illinois' electric industry in a way that would reduce rates for all consumers beginning in 1998. This measure, known as the Ratemaker Equity Plan, also would protect consumers from paying for a bail-out of the utility companies' bad investments and it would implement important safeguards to protect consumers as the competitive electricity market unfolds.

CUB is leading the fight against the ComEd/Illinois Power scheme, but we can't do it alone. That's why we helped launch the Campaign for Competitive Electric Rates, a statewide coalition of more than 70 citizens groups that are mobilizing to fight the plan proposed by the big utility companies. By adding its support to the campaign, the City of Belleville is sending an important message to our lawmakers in Springfield.

The state legislature is already debating these issues and there are more than 40 utility industry lobbyists working in Springfield trying to influence lawmakers.

MARTIN R. COHEN
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board

Write-in votes appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:
Many thanks to all who took the extra time and effort to write in a vote for me in my first campaign for elective office.

I truly appreciate your kindness and support.

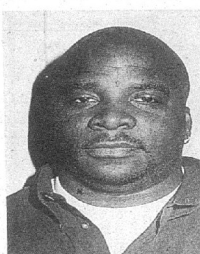
ANDREW J. MIOFSKY
Granite City

By T.W. MILLER

THE VOICE BOX: Do you prefer to prepare your taxes early or wait until the last minute?



Nancy Kasten, Edwardsville
"My dad does mine and he usually waits until the last minute to turn it in."



Terrence Chavis, Collinsville
"I like to get mine out early so I don't have to rush around at the last minute."



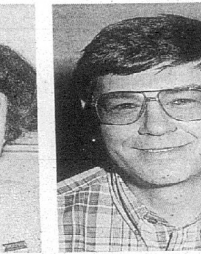
William Mitchell, East St. Louis
"I always do mine early so I can get my money back faster."



Mark Wick, Highland
"I wait until the last minute because I have too many things going on and I work better under pressure."



Peggy Barton, O'Fallon
"My husband and I do ours early so we know if we are going to have to pay or if we will be getting money back."



Ron Dustman, Belleville
"I do mine early to get it over with. Why wait until the last minute?"

Simple solutions help save lives

(The following article is presented by the Parents as Teachers program. Unintentional injuries kill more children in the United States each year than all diseases combined, but parents still are not taking the necessary precautions to keep their youngsters safe.

Many parents do not insist on helmets when biking, do not lock guns in a secure place, do not use seat belts while driving and have not set their home hot-water temperature low enough to prevent scalding, according to a family safety survey by the National Safe Kids Campaign.

"There are no simple answers, but for childhood injury, we know how to save lives, we have simple solutions," said Heather Paul, Safe Kids Campaign executive director.

About 7,200 children age 14 and younger are killed annually, and 50,000 are permanently disabled by injuries that could be prevented, she added. According to results of a survey conducted during National Safe Kids Week:

—Almost two out of three families do not always wear helmets while biking.

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Each year, about 300 children are killed in bicycle-related accidents, and 400,000 children in cars are treated in emergency rooms for injuries.

Almost three out of five parents who have guns in their home do not lock them away from children. Each year, 230 children are killed by unintentional shootings in the home, and an estimated 19,000 are hurt.

One in three families still do not buckle up in the car. Each year 1,400 children in cars are killed, and an estimated 170,000 are injured.

Two of three families do not have their water heater set at a level to prevent scalding or do not know the temperature. Each year, 4,000 children are scalded by hot tap water, most often in the bathtub.

The nationwide survey also found that most parents permit their children age 9 and younger to cross streets alone even though experts agree that youngsters that

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age should not cross by themselves.

And 40 percent of parents with children age 5 and younger do not store household cleaners and medicines safely away from little children.

The National Safe Kids Campaign is a non-profit childhood injury-prevention program that began in 1987. More than 80 national organizations and 160 coalitions in 48 states are part of the campaign to prevent childhood injuries.

(For more information, call Janet Durkee at 224-7648.)

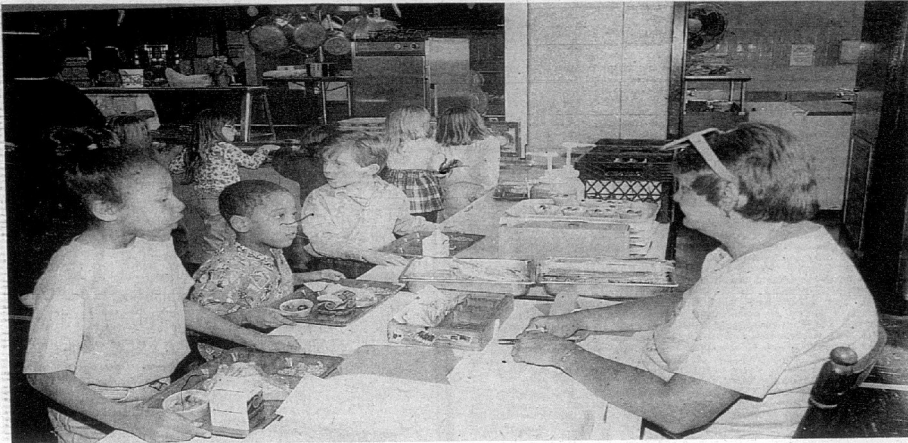
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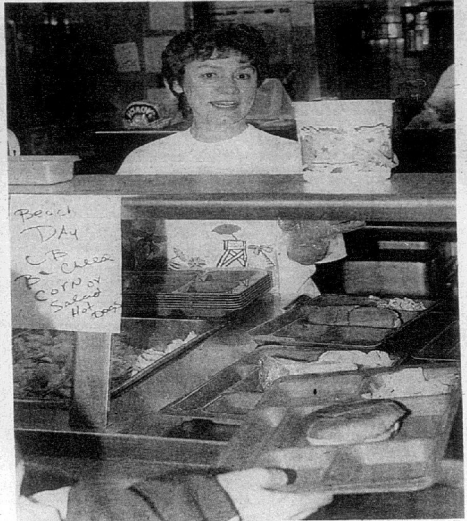
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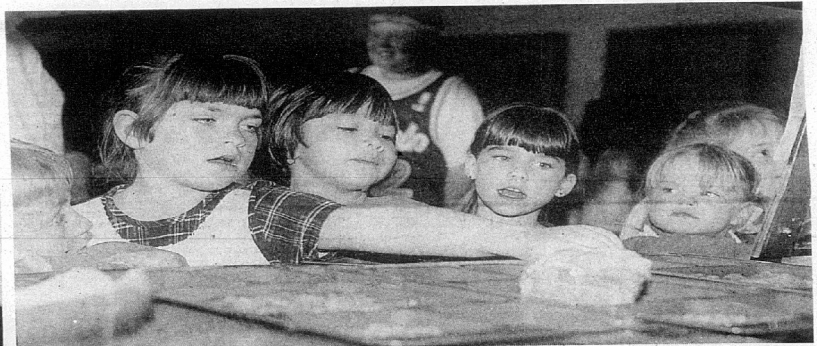
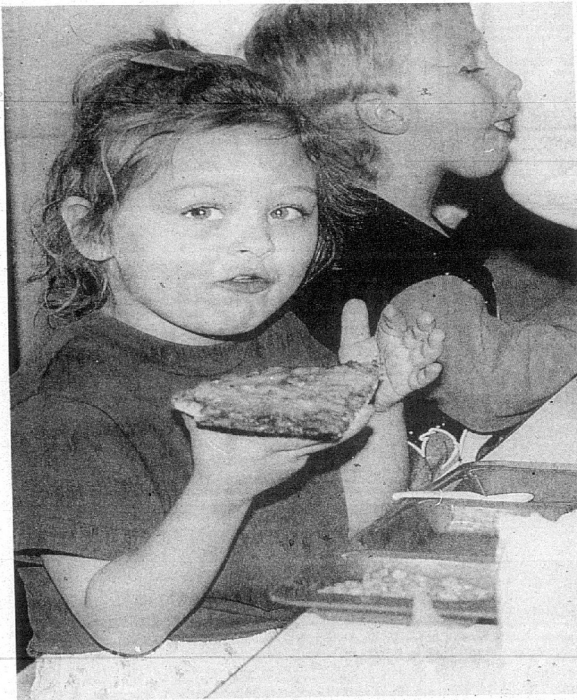
Students at Wilson School line up to check out their lunches for the beach party.



Jackie Seago serves up the beach party day goodies.

Kids have a beach party

Staff photos by John Frese



Tiffany Pryor makes her lunch selection as some of her classmates await their turn.



At left, kindergartner Mary Byrd chose a slice of pizza for her lunch, while Jackie Seago, above, gives her young customers a wide smile at the party.



Dan McKinney, one of the student helpers at the cafeteria, stacks trays.



Students pay Betty Hamilton for their lunches.

WELL AWARE 2000

Pharmaceuticals play major role

In order to keep our readers informed about the latest medical advances, the Granite City Press-Record has teamed up with St. Elizabeth Medical Center to provide readers with the "Well Aware 2000" as a regular feature of the newspaper. Each issue features community physicians discussing groundbreaking and relevant health care topics.

The focus is on information readers can use to educate themselves, prevent illness and improve their current health. We welcome your letters, questions and comments. Let us know your concerns and we will try to address them.

Pharmaceuticals play a large role in health care. They can help you control a medical problem as well as prevent some conditions from developing. If your doctor prescribes a medication for you, you take the prescription to your local pharmacy and have the prescription filled. But what happens when you are a patient in the hospital and need medication?

In a hospital, your "corner drugstore" is often right down the hall, where licensed professionals work closely with other members of your health-care team to ensure you get the medication you need during your hospital stay.

The hospital pharmacy offers all the prescription dispensing services of your corner drugstore, with various processes to assure the quality of the medication you are getting and safeguards to prevent interactions among the drugs that have been prescribed for you. However, the hospital pharmacy offers more services than just medication dispensing.

The hospital pharmacy is staffed by licensed registered pharmacists, highly trained pharmacy technicians and staff members who offer clerical and other forms of support.

Although he or she has the same basic training as the pharmacist at your neighborhood drug store, hospital pharmacists often are more specialized in certain areas, having additional

training in order to better deal with the pharmaceutical needs of severely ill patients, for example.

The hospital pharmacist works closely with your physician and nursing staff to make sure you get the most appropriate medication. He may even come to your room to discuss the drugs that have been prescribed for you and how you can fit these medications into your lifestyle after you return home.

Aiding the patient in getting the most effective and cost saving treatment is the main role of the hospital pharmacist. Physicians are knowledgeable about medications in general, however the pharmacist specializes in pharmaceuticals and may know of alternative medications the doctor may want to consider, depending on the individual patient's circumstances. These medications may treat a particular symptom better, have fewer or less annoying side effects, or perform the same function as another medication at a reduced cost.

Some of the specialty areas addressed by the hospital pharmacy staff are intravenous mixtures when a medication needs to be administered via an IV line, chemotherapy and parenteral nutrition when a patient must be fed intravenously.

In addition to being the resource for pharmaceuticals in the hospital, the pharmacy also dispenses information. Hospital pharmacists serve as educators, conducting in-service training for hospital staff on the latest developments in drug therapy and working with community members through programs like the diabetes support group or cardiac rehabilitation program.

Although they may not be as familiar to you as the people behind the counter at your neighborhood drugstore, the hospital pharmacy staff plays a vital role in the health of patients.

Glen Kohnz, R. Ph., director of pharmacy, is a registered pharmacist who has been on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for 19 years. He is a member of the Rho Chi pharmaceutical honor society and is the recipient of the SEMC "Outstanding Educator" award.

Blood drive next Tuesday

To help replenish blood supplies, the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in Room 207, at GCC, 4950 Maryville Road. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

All types of blood are needed, but type O positive is particularly needed. Type O positive is the most common blood type and is used in 52 percent of all surgeries. Because only 46 percent of the population has type O positive, these people are asked to donate more frequently.

If you do not know your blood type, you can find out when you donate blood. After your first blood drive, the Red Cross will send you a card with your blood typed written on it.

To become a donor, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. A 16-year-old needs a signed Red Cross permission form to donate blood in Illinois. New donors are asked to bring in proper identification, such as a driver's license.

For more information about the blood drive, contact GCC Campus Activities coordinator Diane Schwartz, at (618) 931-0600.

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By **RICK REED**
Attorney At Law

Does a business owner have a duty to protect a patron from criminal activity after the patron leaves the business owner's property? Generally speaking, Illinois law imposes a duty to protect others from the criminal acts of third parties if a special relationship exists between the parties and if the criminal attack was reasonably foreseeable.

Most would agree that a business owner has a duty to take reasonable action to protect his patrons from foreseeable injuries caused by third persons on the property. But what if the patron leaves the property? This question was addressed in a recent case before an Illinois Appellate Court.

In this case, the plaintiff was a customer at a tavern. Three men began "hassling" and "grabbing" his clothing. The plaintiff approaches the men and told them to leave her alone, and the three men challenged him to a fight in the parking lot. A few minutes later, the plaintiff and the three men encountered the three men with whom he had argued. Punches were exchanged, and the men began wrestling in the parking lot. Eventually a woman who had been inside the bar left the bar and smashed a beer bottle over the plaintiff's head. Finally, the plaintiff was stabbed on a public sidewalk.

It is important to note that the plaintiff testified that the bar's employees watched the entire incident outside the window. No one called the police and none of the bouncers attempted to stop the fight. The plaintiff also claimed that after the fight began, the owner of the bar ushered the other patrons out of the bar, which caused the fight to escalate.

The Appellate Court in this case held that the duty of a tavern owner can extend even to a public sidewalk outside the premises under the right set of circumstances. The owners apparently contributed to the altercation by sending patrons out to join in the fracas. The court noted that the dispute here began inside the bar, which the owner apparently observed, and the brawl developed just outside the front door and continued for fifteen minutes while the owner and his employees watched outside the window. Under these circumstances, according to the Court, the owner was under the same duty as if the fight had occurred inside the bar.

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Seniors get 'companions'

Program provides help to elderly who need it

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Sally Birchfield now benefits from the Senior Companion Program she once served.

Birchfield, a widow who had retired from Kingsway restaurant in Washington Park, decided to return to work after she heard about the program at the senior center apartment complex where she lived.

She worked nearly five years providing companionship to other seniors in the federally funded program through Belleville Area College and Programs and Services for Older Persons.

About three years ago, Birchfield became ill and had to move in with her daughter in Hollywood Heights. At that time, she took advantage of what the program had to offer.

"She was a great companion," said Jerri Casson, Senior Companion Program field coordinator. "Even though she is fortunate to have great support and care from her family, her children and grandchildren, she can't be left alone."

The project, administered to more than 200 clients with the service of senior citizens in Hollywood Heights, at that time, she took advantage of what the program had to offer.

"It can provide respite care for a caregiver who needs a few hours away or a visit for someone who needs company, and it provides help to supplement income for the companion. Everyone benefits."

Lillian Burgess of Collinsville has been a senior companion for about six months. She read about the program in the newspaper.

"I was tired of looking at four walls," Burgess said. "I worked in a nursing home for years and now I can do this."

Burgess, a great-grandmother, received about 40 hours of training. She now visits Birchfield twice a week and does a "little of everything."

"I help her with lunch or get her a drink," she said. "Some days we just talk. You end up becoming good friends."

Edith Calais of Caseyville, her Thursday visit with companion Wilma Vitale is an opportunity to go for a walk, now that the weather is nice.

"I nearly went ballistic during the winter when it got so cold," Calais said. "I couldn't get out. So we would sit and talk. When it gets like this, we like to take a walk to Caseyville Park."

Calais was referred to the Senior Companion Program by the Illinois Department on Aging after a series of health problems about four years ago.

"I got depressed, too," she said. "It just hit me. My husband died in 1985; we had been married 43 years and I had several surgeries, enough to last me my entire life."

Vitale, a companion for three years, works as a companion four days a week, one day with Calais and the other days with a Troy woman. "I was volunteering at the Cahokia Mounds when Jerry (Casson) recruited me to join," she said. "And I've been doing this ever since."

She also volunteers one day a week with the Retired Volunteer Program and on Saturday at the Fox Theater in St. Louis.

"You get attached to people," she said. "Sometimes you don't have to talk, just be there. The four hours are gone before I know it. With Edith, we both need to walk and it's good for both of us."

The program always needs companions and seniors who may need companionship. Companions must be 60 years old and meet income requirements.

Referrals for any senior needing care can come from family members or neighbors. "Sometimes we get referrals from the (Visiting Nurse Association) or other state agencies," Casson said.

To volunteer or arrange for care, call Casson at 234-4410 or 931-7018.

BAC offers special program

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus is offering ASSET, a math and English assessment and orientation program for new students, during the month of April in Room 530 of the GCC, 4950 Maryville Road.

The ASSET, which is free, will help students identify their strengths and weaknesses for proper placement in math and English courses by measuring writing, reading, numerical and/or algebraic skills.

The orientation segment of the program introduces students to BAC programs and resources. Summer and fall semester registration begins April 28.

Students need photo identification for admission to ASSET. Students also should bring several sharpened No. 2 pencils. ASSET will be offered from 5:30 - 9 p.m. on Monday, April 21; Thursday, April 24; and Monday, April 28.

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KNDV	1	Premier PGA Golf	NBA: NBA Basketball						News	NBC News	Cateline (in Stereo) 30C	
KNLN	7	Home's Help: Hanks	Christian Family Thrillers						News	LA Info	LA Info	Larry Rife
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6	TNT	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis	*** - The End! 1981, Horror James Lee Curtis
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16	WFLA	10	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy	Direct From Italy
17	TVN	5	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy	*** - The Spies! 1982, Italy
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21	FAM	26	12:00	*** - Rio Bravo 1959, John Wayne	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman	*** - Pulpit! 1975, Adventure Sherry Jackson, Dustin Hoffman
22	A&E	31	Investigative Reports	Biography This Week 19C	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Am. Justice
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NEWS

Entertainment complex planned for Eastport

Miniature golf course is part of new project

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Imagine playing a round of golf surrounded by waterfalls, fountains and even mountains, and not leaving Madison County to do it. An 18-hole miniature golf course currently under construction will offer all that and more later this spring. The mini-course is just one of the attractions of a \$4 million entertainment complex being built in Eastport Plaza by Family Fun Tyne Inc.

"It's been our dream for a long time," said Bill Schiber, owner of Family Fun Tyne. "When we started in Maryville, we added a little at a time, just working toward something like this."

The Maryville recreation area has been in operation for 14 years and has a go-cart track, video games and a mini-golf course. But the new 6.5-acre development will have a quarter-mile track, a state-of-the-art arcade and 18 holes of miniature golf going through a course with a turn-of-the-century village theme, complete with miniature buildings.

"It will be golf like no one has seen in this area before," Schiber said. Schiber said the entertainment center should open over Memorial Day weekend or maybe a week later. Construction was delayed last fall by the creation of the Eastport overlay plan, which assigned zoning uses for land in and

around Eastport. But thanks to a relatively mild winter, the project is on schedule, Schiber said.

The development also will have a restaurant in its main building — Anthony's Little Italy, a 400-seat self-service Italian spot — and for dessert there's Pete's Ice Cream and Fudge Factory.

"It will be the only facility like it in the St. Louis area," Schiber said. "We'll feature our own homemade, hand-dipped ice cream made every day."

A special whip cream machine was even imported from Sweden for the parlor. The new center will be located adjacent to a water park being constructed by the Collinsville Area Recreation District, slated to open next year.

Before purchasing the Eastport property last year, Schiber said he had considered another site in O'Fallon. But the surrounding hotels at Eastport made the sale. The coming water park was "just a plus," Schiber said.

"I think this will make a big difference for people traveling through Collinsville and get them to stay in town," Schiber said. "For the conventions, we'll be their baby sitters and it's something the whole family is interested in so people on the road will want to stop."

Schiber said the course and track will be open through October while the restaurant, arcade and ice cream parlor remain open year-round.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

Cheerleaders — Granite City High School has selected its Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad for next year. The girls pictured are, back row from left to right: Ashley Slover, Sarah Harris, Alisa Monroe, Billie Jo Hunt and Heather Ackerman; front row from left: Tiffany Dunn, Rachel Means, Amber Hopper, Courtney Bosworth and Jessica Fondren. Ronda Hall was not available for the picture. The Varsity squad next year will consist of, back row, from left to bottom photo: Amy Cox, Leigh Bell, Mindy Staggs, Natalie Denny, Amy Miller, Jennifer Willman, Kristen Ribbing and Cari Ridenour; middle row, left to right: Amy Brown, Crysta Meyer, Heather Perkins, Denetta Boyd, Natasha Howell, Peggy Hammond and Angela Brown; front row from left: Le Anna Strubberg, Rachel Rees, Kate Schermer, Melissa David, Hillary Martin, Alysha Ward and Sherri Freeman. Amy Monroe, Melissa Webb and Jenna Williams were not available for the picture.

University Park manager named

Charles Mecum of Collinsville, who has been associated with the offices of the chief executive of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville since 1975, has been named operations manager for University Park.

Brian Donnelly, executive director of University Park, announced the appointment and explained that Mecum will be transitioning over a period

of several weeks from his present position as administrative assistant to SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belek. His new duties will include supervising the park physical plant, assisting with marketing and prospect cultivation activities, monitoring projects development, and various fiscal and management responsibilities.

A graduate of SIUE with a bachelor's degree in speech

communications, Mecum worked from 1975-1979 as a staff assistant in the Office of the General Counsel, working primarily for the executive assistant to the president, the president and the general counsel. In June 1979, he was promoted to administrative assistant in the Office of the President, which became the Office of the Chancellor last year.

In his present position, Mecum has developed board of trustees proposals and interpreted board policy, reviewed and advised administrative officers on policy proposals, completed special projects and reports, and served as fiscal officer for the offices with which he was associated.

Mecum has been involved in a wide range of special projects, including student fee restructuring and trustees' policy restructuring.

When Lambert Field's new East Terminal is completed it will blend in with the old facilities as if it were part of the original design from the mid-1960s.

The new terminal has a

curved roof structure and high glass walls, said Gentry Trotter, a spokesman for Lambert.

"It has an open-air feel with skylights, and a projected roof overhang, over the curb-side drop-off and pick-up (areas)," Trotter said.

"There will be close walking distances from the East Terminal ticketing area to the gates."

Currently, crews are setting structural steel, working on interior finishes and installing mechanical and electrical systems in the new facility.

The estimated \$87 million project, now in its second of three phases, began in February 1996 and is scheduled for completion in late 1998. Trotter said the project is on schedule and on budget.

Phase two, including construction of the concourse, terminal and apron, should be completed in March 1998. Plans call for Southwest Airlines then to begin occupying the new facility.

Phase three includes a multi-level parking garage, additional roadways and a second MetroLink station.

"At this time, Lambert will be the only U.S. airport to have two light rail stations," Trotter said.

The new station will have stops at both the east and main terminals.

The new East Terminal will provide Southwest with 12 new gates.

The airline now operates out of eight gates in the existing East Terminal.

"As the new East Terminal ties into the old sections of the East Terminal will be reconfigured," Trotter said.

"Two smoking lounges, similar to the seven recently opened throughout Lambert, also will be built in the new facility."

"The smoking lounges were built to accommodate both the smoking and nonsmoking customers of the airport," said Sandy Singer of Lambert's public relations office.

Singer said calls regarding the new smoking facilities have been overwhelmingly positive.

Each glass enclosed lounge has its own ventilation system to channel air directly outside the building instead of recycling it within the building.

The lounges have no doors, testifying to the efficiency of the ventilation system.

"You can stand right by the doorway and you can't smell smoke," Singer said.

Lambert began a smoking policy three years ago which allowed smoking in designated areas.

Singer said the airport director decided to install the smoking lounges, which cost approximately \$400,000.

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NEWS

PORT COMMISSIONER 34 YEARS



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Madison Mayor John Bellcoff, left, and Dr. Charles King Jr., chairman of the Tri-City Regional Port District Board of Commissioners, enjoy some photographs from Bellcoff's 34 years as a port commissioner.

•Bellcoff

(Continued from Page 1A)

the mayors of Granite City, Madison and Venice. Bellcoff is retiring as mayor this month after 50 years of public service as a mayor, school board member and president, and volunteer firefighter. He also serves on a number of other boards and commissions, both public and private.

The port's commissioners adopted a resolution at Monday's meeting honoring Bellcoff for his 34 years of service. During Bellcoff's tenure, the port has grown from a \$13,000 business to an operation with more than \$60 million in property, equipment and other assets.

"We used to meet at First National Bank in Granite City and then later moved to some mobile homes," Bellcoff recalled. "But we just kept growing and growing."

"There's no limit to what can happen with that port district."

Although he's retiring, Bellcoff said he will remain active in civic affairs, including the advisory board at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the board of directors for the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission.

Bellcoff said he would continue to utilize his contacts in Springfield to assist the port district.

"I won't abandon the port," he said. "I'll be happy to help them out in any way I can."

Resolution cites Bellcoff's work

Following is the text of a resolution adopted Monday by the Tri-City Regional Port District's board of commissioners:

"WHEREAS, the Tri-City Regional Port District was formed by the Act of the Legislature of the State of Illinois effective April 1, 1959 for the purpose of promoting industrial, commercial and transportation activities, thereby reducing the evils attendant upon unemployment and enhancing the public health and welfare of this state; and John Bellcoff has served in the furtherance of that purpose for some 34 years as a commissioner and as a president of the board of commissioners; and

accomplished major acquisitions and developments upon such as, but not limited to: acquisition of the Bi-State docks from the Bi-State Development Agency — 1978; acquisition of excess Granite City Engineer Depot land and warehouse improvements — 1987; and construction thereof of a second warehouse — 1989; location and financing of Robinson Steel plant — 1991;

"WHEREAS, such acquisitions and developments would not have been readily accomplished without the dedicated service and talents of John Bellcoff as a commissioner of the district;

"WHEREAS, the board of commissioners of the Tri-City Regional Port District desires to honor John Bellcoff and to express appreciation for the 34 years of service he has given to the port district beginning in May of 1953;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of commissioners of the Tri-City Regional Port District:

"1. The dedication by John Bellcoff of his administrative talents and his winning personality to the service of the citizens of the Tri-City Regional Port District, Madison County, Illinois, has made it possible for the district to increase its services and contribute substantial economic benefit to the community which it serves to the accomplishment of its statutory purpose.

"2. It is fitting for the Port

District to memorialize the outstanding contributions of John Bellcoff to the development and perpetuity of the district and to express the appreciation of the public served by such contribution.

"3. The Tri-City Regional Port District so does express that appreciation by the enactment of this resolution of its board this day."



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OBITUARIES

Saltich, Debbie
DEBBIE SALTICH, 42, of Granite City died Tuesday, April 15, 1987, at her residence. She was born April 3, 1945, in Granite City and was a life-long resident.

Ms. Saltich had served the public as Madison County clerk for the past four years, a position she was appointed to in March 1983 and elected to in November 1984. She was a member of the Association of County Clerks and Records, Madison County Democrat Team, Madison County Police Association, Madison County Tavern Owners Association, Illinois Association of County Officials, Zone 2 Clerks and Records, Tax Manual Committee, Township Officials of Illinois, Business and Professional Women's Association and the Venice Social Club. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include her fiancé, Fred Painter of Granite City; her mother, Marge (Belmont) Saltich of Granite City; two brothers, David Saltich of Austin, Texas and Jack Saltich of Trittichau of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Steve Saltich, who died in 1985; and one brother, Stephen Saltich, who died in 1987.

Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Friday at Werner Chapel for Funeral, 3828 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. There will be a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Jim Neuman officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Debbie Saltich Memorial Fund, c/o Werner Chapel or in the form of Masses.

Hotz, Christina P.
CHRISTINA P. HOTZ, 84, of Collinsville died at 12:04 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 1987, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Illinois.

Mrs. Hotz, a World War II Marine veteran, retired from the Atomic Energy Commission after 23-plus years of service. She was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville and AARP.

Survivors include two sisters, Lucille Borden of Collinsville and Mary Glass of Granite City; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, John J. Hotz; her parents, Pete and Domenica Perucca; and three brothers, Michael, James and Pete Perucca.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main, Collinsville.

Taylor, Elmer A.
ELMER A. TAYLOR, 79, of Granite City died at 12:35 a.m. Monday, April 14, 1987, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born Aug. 16, 1917, in Granite City.

Mr. Taylor retired from the Melvin Price Center in Granite City after 30 years as a foreman. He was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and the Venice/Madison American Legion Post 307.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was awarded seven battle stars and two purple hearts during the allied drive to Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Marcela (Zeigler) Taylor, whom he married in 1947; four daughters, Margaret Smith, Mary Catherine Taylor and Shirley Judd, all of Granite City, and Sharon Zilk of Freeburg; one sister, Margaret Vaughn of Granite City; one brother, Arthur M. Taylor of Baltimore; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Taylor, and his Rev. Max Wood officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospital in St. Louis.

Allen, Alvin R.
ALVIN R. ALLEN, 77, of South Roxana died Monday, April 14, 1987, at Maryville Manor. He was born May 13, 1915, in Granite City.

Mr. Allen retired from Clark Oil Company in Hartford after 30 years as a welder. He served on the Board of Directors of WRECO Credit Union.

Survivors include two brothers, Clarence Allen of Ohio and Howard Allen of Hartford, S.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances C. (Klug) Allen, whom he married Sept. 24, 1941, in Mitchell and who died June 21, 1981; and his parents, Albert and Myrtle (Parker) Allen.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Payne Home for Funerals, 618 E. Airline Drive, East Alton. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 3rd and Acton Avenues, Wood River, with the Rev. James Neuman officiating. Burial will be at Roseawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials are suggested to St. Bernard's Church of Masses.

Whitehead, Cary H.
CARY H. WHITEHEAD, 43, of Pontoon Beach died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, April 14, 1987, in Granite City. He was born Dec. 21, 1943, in Granite City and a resident of Pontoon Beach for the past 3 and 1/2 years.

Mr. Whitehead retired from Terry's Automotive after 10 years as an attendant. He was a U.S. Marine veteran and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Sarah (Gunn) Whitehead and Rodney Stacks of Pontoon Beach; and his brother, Terry Whitehead of Berryville, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herb Whitehead.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3828 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. The body was cremated.

Memorials are suggested to the Diabetes Foundation.

More obituaries on Page 48; funeral summary on Page 10B

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Belleville Born Under

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SPORTS



Art Voellinger

Belleville's Born boxed under champ

Upon reading of the March 20 death of former world mid-dleweight boxing champion Tony Zale in Portage, Ind., I wondered how many folks turned a page after a "so-what?" related to the current state of affairs of professional boxing.

Wire service accounts referred to Zale as the "Man of Steel" and to his three title bouts with Rocky Graziano, including a July 17, 1947, loss before 18,000 in the Chicago Stadium that led to Rocky's book and movie "Somebody Up There Likes Me." Unappreciated is the fact that Zale won two of the three fights with Graziano and finished with a 67-18-2 record, including 44 knockouts, after losing to Marcel Cerdan in 1949.

Not mentioned in the radio and television reports of Zale's death were items passed along to me by Ron Born, a Belleville native who was stationed with Zale at the Great Lakes Naval Base in 1945.

"Tony was our coach and a great guy," Born mentioned of his early months in the Navy when Born was a 126-pound Great Lakes boxing champion. Because he was a pro, Zale could not compete in the 147-pound class, but as a coach he brought national recognition to the Great Lakes boxer that became a dilemma for Born.

"I was given an option to make appearances across the country as a way to generate interest in War Bonds sales," said Born. Tony told me, "We'd travel all around."

Born, "but I told him I just joined the Navy to see the world."

As a result, Born, who also could have traveled with the Navy Choir, was sent to school in Champaign, Ill., and then headed for service aboard a mine sweeper in the Panama Canal area and later a landing ship in the Pacific.

OVERTIME: A native of Gary, Ind., Zale, who died at age 82, grew up in the shadow of steel mills and worked there as a youth. Amazingly, 14 of his 18 losses came prior to 1940.

In 1938, Born competed in the National AAU boxing finals in the Boston Garden the same year that he was visiting New York with the U.S. team, he met heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, who gave the Belleville boxer a pair of engraved miniature gold boxing gloves as a memento.

Lake Zale, who became active in the Chicago CYO as a boxing coach after retiring, Born assisted the late Lou Moeckel of Belleville in promoting amateur boxing.

Born and his wife, Nadine, recently observed their 60th wedding anniversary.

NET NOTES: Postseason tributes continue for Carlyle all-state Courtney Smith, who has been named the Chicago Tribune's 1997 Ms. Basketball of Illinois.

Smith, the leader of two-time state champ Carlyle, finished with 2,975 career points, 737 points in 1996-97, career scoring averages of 23.6 and 10.1 rebounds per game and 55 percent field goal accuracy.

A 5-foot-9, 135 pounds, Smith is not expected to be an inside player at SIU-Carbondale.

"I don't think I'll be able to get away with playing under the death as much as I did (in high school)," said Smith. "This summer will be totally devoted to my outside game."

Smith joins Michelle Hasbender of Okaville (1994) and Doris Carle of Teutopolis (1996) as the only non-Chicago area winners of the Tribune award.

Thanks to reader Craig Agne of Belleville for his recent letter regarding my comments on the changing prep boys basketball game. Agne's observations included reference to the "excessive use of dribbling" and the depth of the current Belleville East program.

Of East, he noted that the Lancers "had a remarkable 23-point average margin of victory during their undefeated Southwestern Conference schedule and maintained a 51.7 percent field goal accuracy."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Cara Coleman takes a lead at third base. The Lady Warriors (4-4) will visit Belleville East in a Southwestern Conference game at 4:15 p.m. today.

Lady Warriors overpower Oilers

Eight-goal flurry lifts GCHS

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

"They simply wore us down in the second half," said Wood River soccer coach Margaret Edsall of her team's loss to GCHS on Monday afternoon.

"We ran out of gas. But Granite City was like the Energizer Bunny. They kept going, and going, and going."

What Edsall failed to mention is that this bunny packed an AK-47.

The Lady Warriors wasted the Oilers 8-0, leaving behind no survivors.

"We started slow," said GCHS coach Gene Baker, referring to his team's 2-0 lead after the first 40 minutes.

Felicia Mohsen scored an unassisted goal just six minutes into the contest and that was followed, some 13 minutes later, by another unassisted score, off the foot of Jamie Raub.

"At halftime, I thought we were still in the game," Edsall said. "But things changed rapidly in the next 40 minutes."

GCHS struck for four quick goals to open the second half and settled into a defensive posture for the remainder of the match.

Roxy Simpson, who is recuperating from an injury and played less than 10 minutes of the match, scored three straight goals in the first two to a minute apart, to



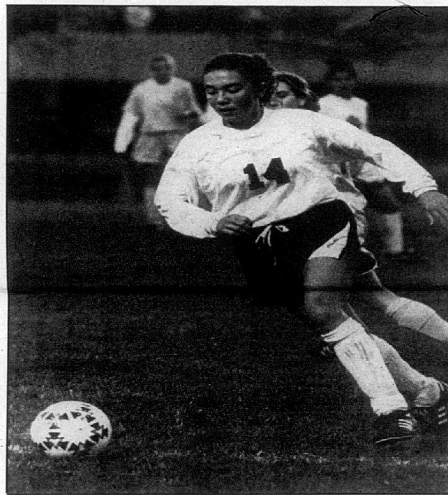
Roxy Simpson
3 goals

stake the Lady Warriors to a 5-0 lead with 30 minutes still to play. Ismahane Mohsen followed that up with a score of her own just a few minutes later.

Two late goals, an impressive 25-yard boot by Amanda Nizinski and another by Raub at the 75:00 mark, provided the final margin of victory, which could have been much worse.

"After we put them away, we took it easy on them," Baker said. "We had no desire to

(See KICKERS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS senior Jaime Dellbringe makes a play.

Hubert pitches West past Lady Warriors

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Heather Hubert tossed a two-hitter and the Granite City defense made too many mistakes as the Belleville West Maroons spanked the Lady Warriors 5-0 on Tuesday.

Hubert sat down eight in a row to start the game and 11 straight over the last 3 1/2 innings. She faced only one batter over the minimum, as the Lady Warriors left one runner on base.

Jenna Wright's bloop single to right with two outs in the third inning and Robyn Slater's sharp single to left with one out in the fourth represented Granite City's only baserunners on the afternoon.

Still, the game was close early on.

The Maroons (5-1, 2-1 SWC) scratched a run across without a hit in the top of the second. Beth Yagge reached first when

Belleville West 5, Granite City 0	
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Kraus	1 0
Kaestberg	2 1
Goodwin	4 0
Raub	4 0
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Totals	23 8 3

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(See SOFTBALL, Page 3B)

Tri-City kicking off race series

Area drivers will begin their 24-week journey to the \$288,000 prize as Tri-City Speedway and Pepsi present the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Saturday.

Rain and cold winds postponed the scheduled April 12 start of Tri-City's Winston Racing Series, but with one night's racing worth \$12,000 in posted prize money, the area's premier stock car drivers will warm quickly to the task.

Tri-City's Winston Racing Series Modifieds, the feature attraction of the series, are part of NASCAR's Mid-America Region and will be racing for a tri-championship worth \$5,000 at season's end. The championship driver automatically qualifies for the \$38,000 Mid-America championship and the \$132,000 National Championship.

Also competing are the Busch Series Pro Stocks and SKOAL Randit Racing Sprint Cars, along with the Mountain Dew Street Stocks and Quaker State Short Track Modifieds.

Spectator gates open at 6 p.m., with racing to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for students (ages 11-17) and \$2 for children 10 and under. Parking is free.

Missouri squad primed for Showcase tourney

By Tim Woods
Correspondent

They still had to wait until Wednesday to play their first game in the annual Chicago Showcase elite tournament, but according to senior goaltender Jim Douglas, members of Team Missouri were ready to take the ice about 72 hours ago.

"We are really pumped. Every single one of us is fired up," Douglas, of Oakville High, said late Sunday night. "We're all eager to prove that here in St. Louis, we play good hockey."

"We know the competition is good. But we're not backing down at all. We're ready to take them on."

Team Missouri, comprised of seniors and juniors and sponsored by the Mid-States Club Hockey Association, left Tuesday for the tournament, which will be held in Naperville, Ill.

HOCKEY

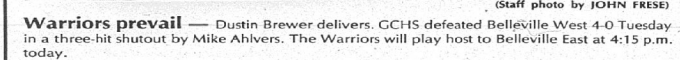
guaranteed at least four games.

Team Missouri coach Cookie Griffin (Kirkwood) thinks the squad is ready to represent the area well, both on and off the ice.

"First of all, this is a good group of kids," said Griffin, whose staff also includes Len Cadieux (Vianney) and Ken Davies (Lutheran South). "One thing you want to make sure of is that you don't have a bunch of 'bad apples' on your team, and that's not a concern for us."

"And obviously, these kids can really play hockey on ice. Late last week, the coaches paired five players from the roster to comprise the travel squad of 20."

"That's never going to be easy. As a coach, you agonize about it. (See HOCKEY, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Warriors prevail — Dustin Brewer delivers. GCHS defeated Belleville West 4-0 Tuesday in a three-hit shutout by Mike Ahlvers. The Warriors will play host to Belleville East at 4:15 p.m. today.

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville women's softball team was declared conference champions without playing a game last weekend.

The Cougars (29-11) traveled to Kenosha, Wis., for a season-ending Great Lakes Valley Conference six-team cluster.

When the Cougars arrived, they were greeted with a blanket of snow covering the fields at Wisconsin-Parkside. SIUE entered the final week

end of regular-season play with a perfect GLVC record at 21-0. Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis University were tied for second place with two losses each.

By virtue of their 21-0 mark and conference championship, the Cougars grabbed the No. 1 seed in the GLVC double-elimination tournament, which will be held Friday through Sunday at Wisconsin-Parkside.

SIUE will face eighth-seeded Kentucky Wesleyan (25-24) 11 a.m. Friday. The Cougars were 3-0 against the Panthers this sea-

SOFTBALL

son, outscoring them 11-1 in the three games.

Host Wisconsin-Parkside (44-7) earned the No. 2 seed and will play seventh-seeded Northern Kentucky (23-19) 11 a.m. Friday. Wisconsin-Parkside was picked as the host site after winning the conference title last year.

Third-seeded Lewis University (32-10) takes on sixth-seeded Missouri-St. Louis (21-15) 9 a.m. Friday, while fourth seed

Quincy College (28-14) meets fifth-seeded Southern Indiana (30-21).

The Cougars entered the GLVC tournament having won 23 of their last 25 games — a 92.0 clip.

"Providing we advance and Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis advance, being the first seed is very important because Parkside and Lewis have to play one another before we face one of them," SIUE coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We can't overlook anyone because Kentucky Wesleyan is one of those

teams that tends to cause you trouble."

Jennifer Smith and Gwen Jackson of Collinsville will be the key offensive forces for the Cougars. Smith and Jackson have been catalysts all season.

Jackson, a junior transfer from Belleville Area College, leads the Cougars with a .348 batting average and 14 stolen bases. She has collected 39 hits, including eight doubles and four triples.

Smith, a senior, is batting .350. (See SIUE, Page 3B)

Stats 'n stuff

BASEBALL

BELLEVILLE W. MAROONS

April	
17 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
18 Waterloo	4:15 p.m.
19 at Althoff (DH)	11 a.m.
22 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
24 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
26 at Salem	11 a.m.

May	
1 Alton	4:15 p.m.
2 SLU	4:15 p.m.
3 at Carbondale (DH)	11 a.m.
6 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
8 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
10 at Centralia	11 a.m.
12 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
13 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
14 at Freeburg	4:15 p.m.
17 Mt. Vernon (DH)	11 a.m.
20 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
24 Cahokia (DH)	11 a.m.
27 at Highland	4:15 p.m.

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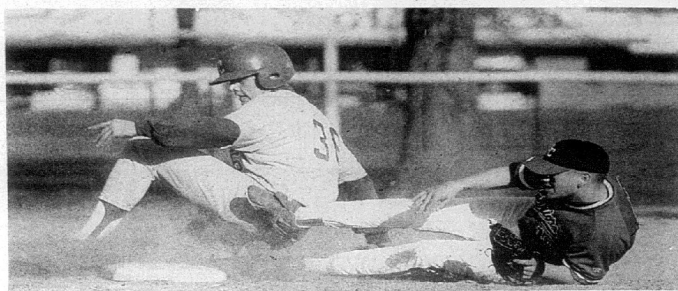
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17 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
18 DeMet	4:15 p.m.
22 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
24 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
26 McCluer North	11 a.m.
27 at Jerseyville	TBA
29 at Waterloo	4:30 p.m.

May	
1 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
2 at Wesclin	4:30 p.m.
3 at Triad (DH)	10 a.m.
6 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
8 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
9 at Hazelwood West	4:15 p.m.
12 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
13 Alton	4:15 p.m.
15 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
17 Springfield (DH)	10 a.m.
18 at Alton Marquette	4:15 p.m.
20 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
21 Cahokia	4:15 p.m.
24 Civic Memorial (DH)	11 a.m.
26 CBC	7 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

April	
17 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
18 Cahokia	9:30 a.m.
19 Jerseyville	4:15 p.m.
22 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
24 at ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
25 Round Robin Tournament	TBA
30 at Althoff	4:15 p.m.

May	
1 at Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
6 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
8 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
10 at Springfield (DH)	11 a.m.
12 Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
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15 Alton	4:15 p.m.
20 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
24 at Carbondale (DH)	10 a.m.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Granite City third baseman Greg Winfield retires Ken Lutz of Collinsville on a force out. The Warriors will play host to Belleville East in a Southwestern Conference game at 4:15 p.m. today.

Journal Writers' Poll Baseball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Edwardsville (7-0)	70
2. Parkway West (6-1)	57
3. Belleville East (7-0)	56
4. Francis Howell N. (8-0)	54
5. Parkway Central (8-2)	37
6. Hazelwood West (3-0)	32
7. Oakville (3-1-1)	27
8. Hillsboro (7-2)	17
9. Pattonville (2-1)	14
10. Ft. Zumwalt South (2-2-1)	11

Also receiving votes: Vianney

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. St. Mary's (4-0)	70
2. Crystal City (5-1)	55
3. DuPont (5-3)	52
4. Eureka (5-1)	45
5. Windsor (2-1)	35
6. St. Charles (1-1)	34
7. Gibault (6-2)	33
8. Clayton (4-0)	28
9. Festus (6-3)	16
10. MCGS (NA)	9

Also receiving votes: Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran North, Aquinas-Mercy, Freeburg, John Burroughs, Rosary, Valley Park

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Soccer

Week of April 16

1. Granite City (7-0-1)	69
2. Granite City (2-1)	57
3. Francis Howell North (7-1)	57
4. Notre Dame (3-1-1)	16
5. Hazelwood Central (6-1)	31
6. St. Dominic (NA)	22
7. St. Joseph's Academy (NA)	16
8. Lindbergh (3-1-1)	16
9. Lafayette (NA)	15
10. Nemo Hall (4-3)	14

Also receiving votes: Althoff, O'Fallon, McCluer North, St. John's, Rosati-Kain, Parkway Central, Rockwood Summit

TRACK

Belleville West Invitational April 12 at Collinsville

Team Scores	
1. East St. Louis 96.5,	2. East St. Louis Lincoln 74,
3. Salem 71,	4. Hazelwood Central 52,
5. Riverview Gardens 51.5,	6. Belleville West 45.5,
7. O'Fallon 43,	8. Mount Vernon 40,
9. Cahokia 38.5,	10. CBC and Civic Memorial 36,
12. Granite City 25.5,	13. Edwardsville 25,
14. Collinsville 20,	15. Marion 18,
16. Belleville East 17,	17. Effingham 10.5,
18. Alton and Highland 9,	20. Lebanon 8,
21. Masonic and Venice 4,	23. Freeburg 2.

Individual results

Individual results

Pole vault — 1. Wittnam (MAR) 13-6, 2. Crippes (SAL), 3. Schee (HC), 4. Stowers (MV), 5. Garrett (SAL), 6. Trost (CBC), 7. Hicks (LIN), 9. Dix (FRE).

Triple jump — 1. Blanks (CAH) 43-9½, 2. Mayfield (EV), 3. Brown (ESL), 4. McNee (CM), 5. Wolf (GC), 6. Mesiti (MAR), 7. Payne (HC), 8. Dancy (BE).

Triple jump — 1. Blanks (CAH) 43-9.5, 2. Mayfield (EV), 3. Brown (ESL), 4. McKee (CM), 5. Wolf (GC), 6. Meitl (MAR), 7. Payne (HC), 8. Dancy (BL).
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High jump — 1. Blanks (CAH) 6-6, 2. Pale (MV), 3. Pals (EP), 4. Johnson (ESL), 5. Everage (ALT), 6. Andrews (SAL), 7. Smith (GC), 8. Allsup (CBC).
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Shot Put — 1. Minton (SAL) 56-13, 2. KAC, 3. L. L., 4. Brooks (SAL), 5. McCann (HC), 6. McDonald (SAL), 5. Edwards (LIN), 6. Frost (CBC), 7. Frisbee (BE), 8. Petras (SAL).

Discus — 1. Minton (SAL) 185-9, 2. Brooks (BE), 3. Tim Daba (COL), 4. Wilford (RV), 5. Odum (CM), 6. Lathum (HC), 7. Tate (Salem), 8. McKennie (EV).
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Long jump — 1. Compton (BE) 21-11.5, 2. Norman (LEB), 2. Alsop (CBC), 4. Bauer (BW), 5. McKenith (MAS), 6. Johnson (HC), 7. Ellis (MV), 8. Edwards (VEN).

100 meters — 1. Lewis (BW) 11-0, 2. Lee (ESL), 3. Odum (CM), 4. Bonner (OP), 5. Compton (BE), 6. Smith (SAL).

100 hurdles — 1. Vaughn (LIN), 2. Johnson (ESL), 3. Huckelberry (GC), 4. McDonald (SAL), 5. Edwards (LIN), 6. Frost (CBC), 7. Frisbee (BE), 8. Petras (SAL).
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4x800 Relay — 1. Riverview Gardens 9:21.3, 2. Lincoln, 3. O'Fallon, 4. Edwardsville, 5. Cahokia, 6. Mount Vernon, 7. Salem, 8. Collinsville, 9. 2:09, 9. Freudenberg (BW).
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9:44.1, 2. Grinter (H), 3. Owen (SAL), 4. Chris Nuerberg (COL), 5. Warlickie (LIN), 6. Johnson (ESL), 7. Sullivan (CBC), 8. Jake Glauber (CO).

4x100 Relay — 1. East St. Louis 43.4, 2. Hazelwood Central, 3. Lincoln, 4. CBC, 5. Cahokia, 6. Belleville West, 7. O'Fallon, 8. Granite City.

800 meters — 1. Lawary (RV) 1:57.1, 2. Dodson (MV), 3. Rodman (BW), 4. Clark (MV), 5. Jackson (RV), 6. Helman (OP), 7. Purcell (SAL), 8. Calvert (PBC).

1600 meters — 1. Belleville West 4:30.7, 2. Hazelwood Central, 3. CBC, 4. Marion, 5. Lincoln, 6. O'Fallon, 7. East St. Louis, 8. Cahokia.

300 meters — 1. Lee (ESL) 50.4, 2. Anderson (ESL), 3. Odum (CM), 4. Green (RV), 5. Blanks (CAH), 6. Edwards (VEN), 7. Collier (EV), 8. Burgett (H).

500 IM hurdles — 1. Vaughn (LIN), 2. McKee (CM), 3. Proctor (HC), 4. Carter (CM), 5. Bjerkas (OP), 6. Petras (SAL), 7. Huckelberry (GC), 8. Johnson (ESL).

1600 Meters — 1. Davis (EV) 4:31.7, 2. Beatty (LIN), 3. Clark (MV), 4. Owen (SAL), 5. Spoor (OP), 6. Alexander (ESL), 7. Gull (OP), 8. Reeman (HC).

200 Meters — 1. Fodder (CBC) 22.2, 2. Anderson (ESL), 3. Bauer (GC), 4. Spencer (ALT), 5. Hunt (CAH), 6. Burke (EP), 7. Smith (SAL), 8. Johnson (LIN).

4x400 Relay — 1. Riverview, 2. Lincoln, 3. East St. Louis, 4. O'Fallon, 5. Civic Memorial, 6. Granite City, 7. Collinsville, 8. Effingham, 9. Belleville West.

BASEBALL

METRO EAST BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	30	100
Alton	10	70

Belleville East	21	52
Collinsville	12	35
Belleville West	12	33
Granite City	01	02
East St. Louis	02	02

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall
Mascoutch	20	52
Civic Memorial	00	22
Roxana	00	54
Wood River	01	24
Triad	00	12
Highland	01	32
Jerseyville	01	71

Team	Conf	Overall
Waterloo	20	52
Wesclin	10	52
New Athens	10	42
Lebanon	10	25
Marissa	11	23
Dupee	01	33
Red Bud	01	43
Carlyle	01	24
Brees C.	01	17
Freeburg	02	43

Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	00	22
Cahokia	00	22

SOFTBALL

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April	
17 Granite City	4:15 p.m.
22 at ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
24 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
26 Pinckneyville	1 p.m.
26 Homewood-Flossmoor	10 p.m.

May	
1 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
6 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
8 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
9-10 Cahokia Invitational	TBA
12 Alton	4:15 p.m.
13 at Granite City	4:15 p.m.
15 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
17 Triad at Freeburg	11:30 a.m.
17 at Freeburg	4 p.m.
19 Cahokia	4 p.m.
20 Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
21 at Centralia	4 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

April	
17 at Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
22 Alton	4:15 p.m.
24 ESL Lincoln	4:15 p.m.
28 O'Fallon	4 p.m.

May	
1 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
6 at Edwardsville	4:15 p.m.
8 East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
9-10 Cahokia Invitational	TBA
12 at Belleville West	4:15 p.m.
13 Belleville East	4:15 p.m.
15 at Alton	4:15 p.m.
17 Granite City Tournament	TBA
19 Waterloo	4:15 p.m.
24 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
23 at Cahokia	4 p.m.

April	
17 Collinsville	4:15 p.m.
19 at Civic Memorial	10 a.m.
21 Althoff	4:15 p.m.
22 Edwardsville	7 p.m.
24 at East St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
30 Mascoutch	4:15 p.m.

Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	00	22
Cahokia	00	22

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SPORTS

•Hockey

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over it, because kids do have feelings and they've all been working their tails off," Griffin said. "It's like we told the team a couple of weeks ago: 'Five guys in this room aren't going to be getting on the bus with us (to Naperville). And that's a shame, because we wish we could take you all.'"

"We had to take the players we felt could give us the best chance to compete in this tournament. In some cases, kids had equal ability but maybe one's a stronger skater or a little faster. And we had to consider the roles they would play for our team."

Douglas and junior Dan Wind (Francis Howell) are the

goaltenders.

The corps of defensemen includes seniors Matt Knop of Oakville, junior Chris Flaughner of St. Mary's, seniors Gavin Hartman and Steve Lee of Vianney, juniors Ben Lampert and Andy Geiger of CBC, senior Chris Kellogg of DeSmet, senior Antti Eskelinen of Hazelwood East and senior Mark Hahn of Webster Groves.

Given that he spent his senior season trying to keep many of his "new" teammates off the score sheet, Douglas is glad they're on the same side this week.

"Playing with these guys in practice, you see how good they are," he said. "I know I wouldn't want to be playing against them."

"And it's a great bunch of guys, both on and off the ice. We're going to go to a Cubs game and hit some great restaurants. I think we're going to have a great time as a team."

Making the traveling team was a personal victory for Douglas. A year ago, although he never broke into the starting lineup his first three seasons while at CBC, he had a strong series of tryouts for Team Missouri and was one of the final players cut.

This year, after backstopping the Tigers to the final four of the Mid-States Tier I playoffs, Douglas shook off one shaky tryout session — "I couldn't stop a beach ball that day. It was a really helpless feeling," he recalled — and became entrenched on the "A" list.

"It's very, very satisfying," Douglas said. Making the traveling team is "like the 'semifinals.' Now there's still one big barrier to cross, and that's doing well in the tournament and hopefully drawing some interest from college or Junior A teams for next year."

•Softball

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The score remained 1-0 through four innings as both teams managed only two harmless singles against dominant pitching.

But Amber Scharf opened the fifth inning for the Maroons by stroking a clean single to right. Katie Knapp then punched one past the pitcher. Stratman got to the ball and fielded it cleanly, but chose to go for the runner at second. Her throw was late and West had two on with none out.

Krystal Kraus laid down a textbook sacrifice bunt to move both runners into scoring position. Abby Kaesberg followed with a triple to the opposite field, just clearing the outstretched glove of Cara Coleman in right. Nikki Goodwin's squeeze bunt brought home the third run of the inning.

With a 4-0 lead, Hubert reared back and fired heat, pitching three perfect innings to put away the Lady Warriors (4-4, 1-2 SWC).

Ironically the two hardest hits GCHS had against Hubert all afternoon were both outs. In the first inning and again in the sixth, Jan Shanafelt sent head-level shots back through the mound. Hubert not only avoided getting hit, but managed to react in time to catch the liners, turning sure singles into loud outs.

Hubert, who was economical with her pitches, threw 56 strikes out of only 80 pitches. She fanned nine Lady Warriors.

"She is a very consistent pitcher," Belleville West coach Bob Yagge said. "She gets the ball over the plate and challenges hitters very well. She is averaging less than one walk per game this season. The way she pitched this afternoon is the way she pitches game in and game out."

Stratman also pitched well in a losing effort, striking out five and allowing only five hits. The Granite City defense failed the freshman hurler by committing five crucial errors, resulting in a pair of runs and forcing Stratman to pitch out of several jams.

"Stratman pitched a great game," said GCHS coach Deb Germann. "We got her into some difficult situations by making some mistakes and she got us out of them by pitching well."

"But we made too many freshman errors today. We've got to go to work immediately on fielding bunts. We had a lead last week against Mascoutah but they came back on us with bunts. West's bunts hurt us today. We have some work to do."

The GCHS defense will receive a major test today when the Lady Warriors travel to powerful Belleville East for a 4:15 p.m. game.

SPORTS SHORTS

Madison softball

The Madison Park and Recreation Department is accepting teams for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night games, as well as for Friday night coed games. The coed fee is \$20. Teams are handled on a first come, first serve basis. Only a few openings remain. For more information, call Jim Broadway at 451-1440.

Sports physicals

Pre-participatory sports physicals will be offered by the Granite City School District 6:30 p.m. May 21-22 at the Wolf Building, Physical Medicine Department, 2100 Madison Ave. The cost is \$25 and the physical is good for one calendar year, and it is accepted by the Illinois High School Association. For more information, call Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943. All students who require any immunizations are exempt.

Select team needs players
A Bantam I select baseball team is seeking players born after Aug. 1, 1986. The team will play in a select league and several tournaments. Tryouts will be held 5-7 p.m. May 26 at Maryville School. For more information, call Tom Nance at 797-2411.

Khoury sign-ups

Pontoon Beach Khoury League sign-ups for baseball, softball and F-ball will be held 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 300 Highway 111, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Tracy's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane. For more information, call 931-1291 or 931-7902.

•Kickers

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hammer them."

"We were outclassed," Edsall said. "We could have been beaten much worse than we were."

That may well have been the case had Simpson played most of the match.

"Roxie appears to be all right now," Baker said. "She's over her injury. She played very well this afternoon."

Chrystal Timmons, who was injured in the Collinsville game, came through with two big assists, as did Jaime Dellbringe.

As always, the Granite defense was just that — Granite.

Anchored by stopper Melissa Montgomery, the Lady Warrior defenders suffocated the Oilers any time they were within striking distance of the goal, which was not that often. Wood River put only seven shots on goal, all of which were handled easily by keeper Shannon Roth.

"Montgomery has been playing exceptionally well," Baker said. "She's really been a steady influence at the stopper position in the backfield. Jamie Hendrickson also did very well this afternoon."

The Lady Warriors have now outscored their four opponents 14-1 on the year, yielding a goal only against the area's top-ranked team, Incarnate Word. GCHS is ranked second in the area.

GCHS peppered the Wood River net with 28 shots on goal, forcing Wood River goalie Selenia Saylor to make 20 saves, most of them on very tough chances.

The Oilers fell to 2-3 on the year, while the Lady Warriors improved to 3-1.

"Now our schedule really kicks in," said Baker, whose team played O'Fallon on Wednesday. "We just want to get some consistency in mental attitude."

GCHS faces McCluer North on Monday and Belleville West on April 24 before hosting four-time Kansas state champion St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Then it's on to the prestigious St. Dominic Tournament, April 28-30.

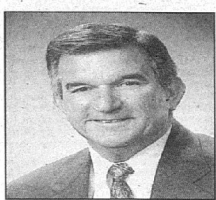
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307 and leads the team with 29 RBIs. She has 35 hits on the spring.

"We have done a lot of good things this year, and we got some breaks along the way, which happens from hitting the ball hard and making good decisions," Montgomery said. "We just have to continue to play hard."

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'Critical Condition' band members live up to their name

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

It can be a challenge to figure how some bands ever decide on their names.

But for "Critical Condition," a local group with a long history in the area, the moniker aptly describes a time in their recent history — for all three members.

"It began when I was diagnosed with bladder cancer about three years ago," said drummer Don Wray. Wray went through surgery and was ready to begin playing again when his long-time friend and lead guitar player Mike Rogerson, a Fairview Heights resident, suffered a heart attack.

With Rogerson recovering and able to begin playing again, bass player William Tracey, from Belleville, was serious injured in a motorcycle accident.

A year later, with all three musicians together, the band was invited to play at a party. "We just got finished playing and I bend over to pick up a drumstick I dropped," Wray



Critical Condition: William Tracey, Don Wray and Mike Rogerson

said. "There was no railing behind us and I fell six or seven feet and broke my back. We were out for a long time."

With a streak of bad luck behind them, "Rosewood" members renamed themselves "Critical Condition."

Wray, born in East St. Louis and raised in Centerville, now lives in Caseyville. He learned to play the guitar from his

older brother when he was 12 and later switched to drums.

"I found out I could play drums better — you have to do four things at once," he said.

"I guess you have to be coordinated, although no one thinks I have any coordination outside of that."

Wray, a machinist with Interstate Machine in St. Louis, has played with bands

"off and on" for about 30 years.

"We were inspired back then by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones," he said.

They were ahead of their time by producing an early "music video," shot with 8mm film.

"We sang the Electric Prunes song 'I Had Too Much To Dream Last Night' but

'We've been together for a long time and through our ups and downs, but we still enjoy the music.'

Don Wray
"Critical" drummer

there wasn't any sound," Wray said.

The band, "Edges of Time," which appeared on the locally produced show Rus Carter's St. Louis Hop, dissolved when a member was drafted in the late 1960s.

A few band members formed "Rock Candy," which played at Tepee in Collinsville, the old Thunderbird Roller Rink in East St. Louis and Hudson Roller Rink in Washington Park, and the Battle of the Bands at the Belleville Fair.

After not playing for a while and a short stint with County music, and all three of the members playing with different bands, Rosewood formed with Wray, Rogerson

and Tracey.

Now the band has come full circle, said Wray.

"We're back to old rock and roll from the 50s, 60s and 70s," he said.

"That can be hard to do with three pieces," he said. "So we're thinking about adding another piece."

Critical Condition has appeared at "Lin's Place," at 1002 St. Louis Road and is scheduled this Friday and Saturday for "Ardie and Tiny's" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"We'll go from there," Wray said. "We've been together for a long time and through our ups and downs, but we still enjoy the music."

HOROSCOPE

Thursday, April 17

Solar and lunar trines inspire happy accidents and coincidental meetings. The Leo moon smiles on theatrical productions of every size. A presentation at work will go splendidly. If you're in show business, ticket sales are surprisingly high now. Take advantage of luck by making the most of even small pleasures. Magnify your perception of a good situation and you'll attract more happiness to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your defense of a colleague will gain you admiration, even of those who like you least. Enthusiasm makes or breaks you on the job. Learn the value of patience from your mate. Gardening can bring you pleasure and peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try to be more flexible when your well-planned agenda has to be interrupted. Your meeting with an ambitious Capricorn will lead to romance. Having a wide range of interests makes you a fascinating person to be with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You felt betrayed by your ex-mate? That's not a good reason to stop dating the current one. Don't be overly cautious in your dealings with co-workers. Your home decor needs some retouching. Be the artist and do it up yourself!

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You're the center of attention in your new workplace, as you were in the old one. Try to control your extravagant spending habits. Interfering in your mate's family problems is a sure way to start World War III.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Respect your mate's need for more independence. Your quest for self-improvement will lead to a promotion. Friends enjoy your practical, helpful advice. Your spouse's health will improve dramatically soon.

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others up on their offers. Discipline in May seems to come easily when you tackle personal goals with the help of a dedicated friend. Balance idealism with realism during July marriage proposal in August is likely from a Virgo or Aquarius. Tempestuous couplings have a second chance at harmony in September.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Change jobs as soon as you find a better one. You function best in a harmonious and supportive environment. Get rid of constant guilt by forgiving others and yourself. Enduring love will happen to you sooner than you think.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your exuberance and optimism will attract plenty of friends. An old friendship with a beautiful Aries could develop into romance. Put ideas into action in concrete and realistic ways. It's healthy to exercise, even if you're thin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): The giving person that you are will easily attract new friends and a mate. You do everything with class and style. You don't need another possessive love; be more choosy this time. Show off your creative work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22): You're a risk-taker in business, and you'll soon make

lots of money in a new venture. Your love life calls for patience and maturity. Don't try to control your intuition and vision — they can help you make better choices in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19): You need time to adjust and to assess a new position. A mate will offer you a luxurious item in the coming days. You know how to interact with everyone in your workplace, and that's an important asset.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Speak about what bothers you — disgruntled silence ruins love and business, too. A

spouse will take a week off to travel with you if you ask. Confidence sells an idea.

Friends envy your presence and ability to entertain. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your tenderness and sentimentality will win you the love of a very special person. Control your appetite. You start feeling good about yourself when you know you've done a job well. Capricorn acts lovingly.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
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NOTICE
You are respectfully advised that the deceased, ALMA LIA BOGOVICH, died on the 26th day of February, 1997, while a resident of the County of Madison.

NOTICE
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FUNERAL SUMMARY

PETROSKY, LOUIS A., 80, of Madison died at 11:16 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1987, at his residence. Services were held Friday, April 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison with the Rev. Jim Keener officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, 876-4321.

HEISMAN, ANN M. (SLECKA), 80, of Madison died at 6:09 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1987, in Granite City. Services were held Monday, April 14, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Thomas LeBlond officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Parish in Madison or St. Elizabeth Church in Granite City. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City.

PATTON, JAMES DALE, 75, of Dele, Mo., formerly of Collinsville, died at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kirkwood, Mo. Services were held Monday, April 14, at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main, Collinsville, with the Rev. Dennis Johnson officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

MAXWELL, JACK W. SR., 52, of Staunton, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1987, at Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton. Arrangements were handled by Kravanya Funeral Homes, Ltd., 203 East Elm, Gillespie. Services were held Sunday, April 13, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Avenue, Granite City, with the Rev. Doug Kaufman officiating. Graveside services were held Monday, April 14, at Independent Order of Oddfellows Cemetery in Perry, Mo. Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church, 25th

and Henry, Granite City.

ERBE, HARRY, 84, of Chesterfield, Mo., formerly of Edwardsville and Granite City, died at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 1987, at Friendship Village in Chesterfield, Mo. Services were held Monday, April 14, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Dr. Alan H. Bachert, pastor of King of Kings Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart or Lung Association.

DANKER, HELEN (KOWALINSKI), 84, of East Moline died Tuesday, April

8, 1987, at Trinity Medical Center - East Campus in Moline. Services were held Friday, April 11, at Van Hoe Funeral Home, 1500 Sixth Street, East Moline. Burial was in National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or to the Monsignor William J. Cleary Endowment Fund at St. Anne Catholic Church in East Moline. Services were held Saturday, April 12, at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 1987, at Anderson Hospital in Moline.

Services were held Saturday, April 12, at Fletcher Funeral Home, 627 St. Louis, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Mark Skiles from Trinity Tabernacle Family Church in Madison officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Center in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Lupus Foundation.

MEEDERS, GLEN L., 75, of Mt. Vernon died at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1987, at his residence. Services were held Friday, April 11, at Hughes Funeral Home, 1314 Main, Mt. Vernon, with the Rev. Richard West officiating. Burial was at Hans Grove Cemetery.

KUHLMANN, WILLIAM LORENZ, 81, of Granite City died at 7:31 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Services were held Saturday, April 12, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park, 10180 Gravois, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to Madison County Nursing Home or Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City.

BUGLE, GEORGE C., 90, of Troy died Monday, April 14, 1987, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17, at Laughlin Funeral Home, 1015 N. Fisher, Troy, with the Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

GARNER, FRED L., 69, of Highland, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1987, at his residence following a lengthy battle with cancer. Services were held Tuesday, April 15, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Stan Holbrook officiating. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

CYNARSKI, THEODORE J., 80, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 1987, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, following a 5-year illness. Services were held Tuesday, April 15, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Masses.

Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

MOORUSIC, EDWARD S., 57, of Granite City died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 1987, at his residence. Services were held Wednesday, April 16, at Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Ronald Sabbert officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association.

JOHNSON, MICHAEL C., 43, of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 4 a.m. Sunday, April 13, 1987. Services were held Wednesday, April 16, at St. John United Church of Christ, Hwy 94 South at Wofford Road, St. Charles. Burial at St. John United Church of Christ Cemetery.

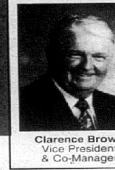
Memorials are suggested to the Children's Educational Trust Fund or the Diabetes Association C/O Alternative Funeral Services of Mow Mill, 111 Droste Square, St. Charles, Mo., 63301 (314-949-9199).

SHAW, MADORA (HORNBUCKLE), 88, of Lebanon, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 1987, at Lebanon Care Center where she had been a resident for the past three years. Services were held Wednesday, April 16, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City, with the Rev. Ray Fadda officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, 2138 Dewey Avenue, Granite City.



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96 CIRRUS LX 4 Dr. White	\$14,000	95 DEVELLE 4 Dr. 52471 Miles. Silver	\$14,995	95 INTREPID 4 Dr. White	\$15,995	97 BREEZE 4 Dr. White	\$13,995
93 1500 W/T Truck. 55145 Miles. White	\$7,495	96 INTREPID 4 Dr. Green	\$15,495	95 200X 2 Dr. SE. Green	\$15,995	97 NEON 4 Dr. Maroon	\$11,795
88 GR MARQUIS 4 Dr. 37753 Miles. White	\$20,995	95 SEBRING CONV. 2 Dr. Wildberry	\$17,995	95 CIRRUS LX 4 Dr. Green	\$15,995	96 GRAND CARAVAN SE. Silver	\$19,995
92 DAKOTA Pickup. 68233 Miles. Red	\$11,995	95 SEBRING CONV. 2 Dr. Amethyst	\$17,995	96 CIRRUS LX 4 Dr. Gold	\$16,495	95 NEON 4 Dr. Maroon	\$10,995
95 SUNFIRE 4 Dr. Aqua	\$17,995	95 SEBRING CONV. 2 Dr. White	\$17,995	95 510 CC 1.5 2552 Miles. Amethyst	\$11,995	96 NEON 4 Dr. Blue	\$10,995
95 SEBRING LX Convertible. White	\$20,995	95 NEON HILITE 4 Dr. White	\$13,995	95 NEON 4 Dr. Red	\$10,495	95 WINDSTAR LX Van. 60283 Miles. Blue	\$14,995
95 3.5 liter, V-6 2111 Miles. White	\$11,995	95 CONCORDE 4 Dr. White	\$13,995	95 NEON 4 Dr. Red	\$10,495	96 CROWN VIC 4 Dr. 47622 Miles. Blue	\$20,995
92 CR VOYAGER Van. 57327 Miles. Red	\$10,995	95 INTREPID 4 Dr. White	\$13,995	95 NEON 4 Dr. Red	\$10,495	96 CR CARAVAN Van. 82677 Miles. Blue	\$18,995
94 ESCORT 4 Dr. Vagon. 67000 Miles. Blue	\$8,995	95 CONCORDE 4 Dr. Teal	\$13,995	95 DAYTONA 2 Dr. 76151 Miles. Red	\$4,995	96 GR MARQUIS 4 Dr. 14813 Miles. Brown	\$34,995
95 INTREPID 4 Dr. White	\$15,995	95 SEBRING CONV. 2 Dr. Dark Rosewood	\$17,995	92 CAVALLER 2 Dr. 68483 Miles. White	\$9,995	96 SEBRING CONV. 2 Dr. 13789 Miles. Green	\$18,995
96 BREEZE 2 Dr. Red	\$12,995	96 VOYAGER SE Minivan. Teal	\$17,995	95 BERETTA 2 Dr. 101868 Miles. Blue	\$3,995	96 VOYAGER SE Minivan	\$18,995
95 RAM 3500 Vagon. Black	\$19,995	96 CARAVAN 4 Dr. 54420 Miles. Green	\$12,995	91 AEROSTAR Edge Sedan. 82324 Miles. Gold	\$10,995	91 CR CARAVAN Van. 73642 Miles. White	\$7,995
96 STRATUS 2 Dr. Green	\$12,995	96 BREEZE 2 Dr. Green	\$12,995	94 CARAVAN Van. 54420 Miles. Green	\$10,995	89 1500 Truck. Black	\$9,995
96 CARAVAN SE Minivan. Teal	\$17,995					90 DAKOTA Club Cab SE. 62771 Miles. Green	\$6,995
96 CARAVAN SE Minivan. Teal	\$17,995					95 NEON 4 Dr. 15455 Miles. Red	\$10,995

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General Steel reunion set for May 3

All former employees of General Steel Industries Corporation are invited to join in a get-together and meet with old friends from General Steel from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 3, in the west room of Lincoln Place Hall, 435 Niedringhaus, Granite City.

Anyone interested in attending or obtaining additional information should call 344-3797 or 931-1206. Spouses are welcome to attend.

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